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CANCER PATIENT FUND
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the norms laid down by the Government for grant of financial assistance to patients under the Health Minister`s Cancer Patient Fund (HMCPF);

(b) the number of patients applied for assistance under HMCPF and those benefited indicating amount granted to them during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to ensure that the grant released under HMCPF reaches to the needy patients;

(d) whether the Government proposes to make provisions for elected representatives to recommend the names of the needy patients for assistance from HMCPF; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): The financial assistance upto Rs.One lakh to the cancer patients is provided by the 27 Regional Cancer Centres/Government Hospitals concerned through the revolving fund placed at their disposal. The cases of financial assistance above Rs. One lakh are referred by the Centres/Hospitals to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for providing funds from the Central Funds.

(b): A list of beneficiaries during the last three years alongwith financial assistance provided at 27 regional cancer centres is annexed.

(c): Regional cancer centres are empowered to provide financial assistance upto Rs. One lakh to BPL patients to avail treatment at regional cancer centre.

(d) & (e): Recommendation of the elected representatives are also taken into account provided the patients fulfil the prescribed conditions.